



PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MINUTES

September 06, 2007

Attendees:

Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Members

		Committee Membership
Jack Griffin, Vice Chairman	Bermuda District	Capital Projects Committee Athletics Activities Committee Background Checks Committee
Bob Terrell	Dale District	Chair, Athletics Activities Committee Capital Projects Committee, Background Checks Committee
Jose Sanchez	Clover Hill District	Capital Projects Committee Athletic Activities Committee
Annette Schanz	Matoaca District	Outreach and Greenways Advocacy Committee, Athletic Activities Committee, Capital Projects Committee
Earl Gee	Matoaca District	Chair, Budget Committee Athletics Activities Committee

Absent:

Chairman	VACANT	Member of All PRAC Committees
Lynn Crump	School Board	Capital Projects Committee, Outreach, Greenways Advocacy Committee and Future Visions Committee
Jim Beck	Bermuda District	Capital Projects Committee Budget Committee
Will Shewmake	Midlothian District	Chair, Outreach and Greenways Advocacy Committee Future Visions Committee Athletic Activities Committee
Ron Maxey	Midlothian District	Chair, Future Visions Committee Capital Projects Committee
Dennis Harding	Dale District	Athletics Activities Committee Budget Committee

Parks and Recreation Staff

Rebecca Dickson, Deputy County Administrator, Human Services

Mike Golden, Director, Primary Liaison, By-laws Committee and Future Visions Committee

Lynell McClinton, Chief of Finance, Primary Liaison Budget Committee

Phil Innis, Assistant Director, Primary Liaison Athletic Activities, Outreach & Greenways, and
Background Checks Committee

Bruce Dove, Assistant Director, Liaison Budget, Capital Projects and Future Visions Committee

Mark Askin, Chief of Parks, Liaison Outreach and Greenways and Budget Committees
 Stuart Connock, Jr., Chief of Parks Design and Construction, Primary Liaison, Capital Projects Committee
 Bill Carlson, Athletics Manager, Liaison Athletic Activities, Capital Projects and Background Checks Committees
 Doug Salyers, Liaison Budget Committee
 Rebecca J Parker, CPS/CAP, Secretary

2007 Standing Committee

Budget	Capital Projects	Athletics Activities	Background Checks	Outreach and Greenways
Earl Gee, Chair	Jack Griffin, Chair	Bob Terrell, Chair	Bob Terrell, Chair	Will Shewmake, Chair
Dennis Harding	Lynn Crump	Annette Schanz	Jack Griffin	Lynn Crump
Jim Beck	Annette Schanz	Earl Gee		Annette Schanz
	Ron Maxey	Jack Griffin		
	Jim Beck	Dennis Harding		
	Bob Terrell	Will Shewmake		
	Jose Sanchez			

Future Visions

Ron Maxey-Chair
Will Shewmake
Lynn Crump

Speakers on Scheduled and Unscheduled Matters

Jeff Geiger	Richmond Kickers – Zoning Attorney
Rob Ukrop	Richmond Kickers
Randy Carrington	Huguenot Little League (HLL)
Vic Evaro	Central Chesterfield Little League (CCLL)
Christy Cousins	Chesterfield United
John Simpson	Swift Creek Sports Club
Annette Schanz	Midlothian Youth Soccer League (MYSL)
Stuart Connock, Jr.	Capital Improvement Program and Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan

🔗 Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission Mission Statement 🔗

Working in partnership with the public, Parks and Recreation Department, and the Board of Supervisors, Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) seeks to eliminate obstacles that interfere with Chesterfield County's ability to efficiently and safely provide greenways, parks, recreational facilities, and associated programs. PRAC also strives to support recreational programs and facilities that a *First Choice Community* such as Chesterfield should afford its

citizens, as well as to exercise leadership in projecting the future recreational needs of the County's citizens and determining how best to meet those needs.

I. Vice Chairman Jack Griffin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Procedures:

Vice Chairman Griffin advised attendees that there was a sign-up sheet available for anyone that wished to speak.

II. Non-Sectarian Invocation:

Vice Chairman Jack Griffin asked that the assembly join him in silent prayer.

III. Pledge of Allegiance:

Phil Innis led the assembly in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

IV. Approval of August 2, 2007, Minutes:

A quorum of Commissioners was not present; therefore, approval of the August 2, 2007, minutes was deferred until the October 4 PRAC meeting.

V. Public Comments on Agenda Items:

Vice Chairman Griffin invited Rob Ukrop and Jeff Geiger to speak to the assembly about Richmond Kickers' potential development in Chesterfield County. Mr. Geiger distributed the *Richmond Kickers' Program Guide* and a June 8, 2007, conceptual site plan created by Barthol Design Associates, for the Kickers Soccer Complex.

Rob Ukrop advised that Richmond Kickers is both a professional and non-profit organization. The professional team was developed in 1993. The Richmond Kickers youth recreational players (non-profit) share space and staff with the professional organization. Richmond Kickers' participation is growing and currently there are 1,000 travel players and 800 recreational players that form 45 teams. Games are played at A.M. Davis and Providence, on fields which Mr. Ukrop described as being in great condition. Mr. Ukrop thanked Chesterfield County for the new goals and for all their support. He noted that approximately 45 to 50 percent of the Richmond Kickers' players are Chesterfield County residents. The goal of Richmond Kickers is to serve the youth of Chesterfield and the surrounding communities and to be a good community partner.

Richmond Kickers' long-term planning includes development of land near the Ukrop's store located at Chippenham Parkway and Rt. 10. Development plans include the addition of a stadium; however, Mr. Ukrop emphasized that the addition of the 4,000 to 5,000 seat stadium would be 5 to 10 years in the future. Jack Griffin advised that the stadium may require substantial accord approval.

Attorney, Jeff Geiger is handling zoning issues for the project and advised that the planned fields will include turf surface fields. There are seven (7) fields shown on the site plan; Mr. Geiger said that he is working with Transportation staff on the density cap. The land is currently zoned for office development and their amendment will not change the density assigned to this area. Mr. Geiger said that the zoning application requesting an amendment to the existing conditional use permit was filed in August and would be considered by the Planning Commission in October. On November 28, the plan

would hopefully move forward to the Board of Supervisors. During the site plan process, the number of required parking spaces would be addressed.

Vice Chairman Griffin thanked Mr. Ukrop and Mr. Geiger on behalf of the Commission for their presentation and wished them success with this project.

Public Hearing:

Winter Athletic Facility Assignments – **There was no public comment.** A quorum of Commissioners was not present, and a vote on winter athletic facility assignments was deferred until October 4.

Sports Facilities Opening and Closing Dates 2008- **There was no public comment.** A quorum of Commissioners was not present and a vote on the sports facilities opening and closing dates for 2008 was deferred until October 4.

FY 2009 Capital Improvement Plan Recommendations - **There was no public comment.** A quorum of Commissioners was not present; however, since the development of the CIP program is a process that it is scheduled to move forward in September, the Commissioners who were present reached a unanimous voice consensus to endorse the *Submittal One – Budget and Management Plan* as presented. **Stuart Connock said that he would e-mail detailed project data sheets to Commissioners upon request.**

Stuart Connock advised that FY09, FY10, FY11 and FY12 projects were committed and some other projects, when appropriate, were moved to the years after FY12, or reduced in scope to accommodate the following new initiatives.

Land acquisition FY2009-2014

Acquire land for community parks as indicated in the Public Facility and Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan. Emphasis will be in the western half of the County. This is in response to rapid growth in the County and will position the Department to acquire land in the right place ahead of growth.

Senior Center FY2009-2014

Lease existing commercial or public-semi-public space in the initial years [FY2009-2013] and start construction of new center in FY2014. This project is in response to continued and increased citizen input.

Lighted Athletic Fields FY2009-2014

This initiative redirects Park and School Athletic Improvement projects to place an emphasis on current need for lighted fields. These fields will primarily support baseball, softball, football, soccer, lacrosse and field hockey for practice situations. This is in response to updated demand analysis and discussion with user groups.

Mike Golden advised that these are important new initiatives, which were carefully reviewed and supported by officials in County Administration.

Spring/Summer Athletic League Reports:

Huguenot Little League (HLL) – Randy Carrington

Mr. Carrington advised that HLL was founded in 1962 and was the oldest little league south of the river. Mr. Carrington reported that HLL had enjoyed a successful 2007 season. They received 950 registrations for a total of 74 teams. The Challenger Team traveled to Virginia Beach for the International Tournament and had a great time; HLL also hosted successful tournaments this season (District V). Mr. Carrington reported that this year, the 18 players in the big league team (17-18 years old) won the District Tournament.

Mr. Carrington described some of the efforts that HLL has made to give back to the community. When Battery Park was flooded, HLL gave uniforms, trophies, equipment and a \$5,000 check to the Richmond little league team. HLL also donated funds to help the James River High School Boosters with new fields.

Mr. Carrington said that the Robious facility was great and thanked Chesterfield County for all their assistance.

HLL is also interested in a building on site to house their equipment. Mr. Carrington reported that the Great Big Greenhouse has donated plants for landscaping.

Central Chesterfield Little League (CCLL) – Vic Evaro

Mr. Evaro advised that he supported the land acquisition plans described in the CIP recommendations.

Mr. Evaro reported that CCLL was the youngest little league south of the river. CCLL has 920 players and 73 teams. CCLL plays 1,200 games in a regular season, at Daniel Park at Iron Bridge fields 1-4, Harrowgate Park, Bird and Goyne Park.

Mr. Evaro said that their dugout covers were almost finished and he thanked Chesterfield County for all their support. CCLL is working to beautify the area around their scoreboard using high-quality mulch donated to CCLL.

In the fall, CCLL provides free clinics over a series of Saturdays and Sundays to allow players to transition from T-ball to Rookies and from Rookies to Kids' Pitch and from the small field to the big field.

Chesterfield United – Christy Cousins

Ms. Cousins reported that she had been with Chesterfield United for more than a year and that the travel program has grown from 32 to 37 teams. Chesterfield United Teams traveled to Spain, where they placed 4th in the international tournaments. The recreation program has increased to 1,000 players this fall.

Chesterfield United is planning to expand in the Point of Rocks area and welcomes new players from the Ft. Lee area.

Ms. Cousins noted that their *Ice Breaker Tournament* produces revenue for Chesterfield County and she described activities that Chesterfield United has undertaken to give back to the community which included raising \$4,000 for the victims of the Virginia Tech tragedy and donating proceeds from a football tournament to young cancer patients.

Ms. Cousins thanked Chesterfield County for all their support. In the future, Chesterfield United would like to see a turf field on field 15 (the largest, lighted, rectangular field at Daniel Park at Iron Bridge).

Swift Creek Sports Club – John Simpson

Mr. Simpson reported that the Swift Creek Sports Club plays Lacrosse and Field Hockey and has been cosponsored by Chesterfield County for five years. There were 800 to 900 players participating in Field Hockey and Lacrosse in the spring and 600 Lacrosse players are expected to play in the fall. Swift Creek Sports Club has moved into the RISE facility where they operate the store and have office space. Swift Creek Sports Club has both fields at RISE on Saturdays and Sundays. There will be two large winter leagues playing at RISE.

Forty teams traveled to Chesterfield County to participate in the *Summer Slam Tournament*. Due to parking concerns at Clover Hill Athletic Complex, an additional location will be sought for this coming spring's tournament. The *Fall Brawl Tournament* is played on Columbus Day weekend at the Clover Hill Athletic Complex. Mr. Simpson said the fields in Chesterfield County are in excellent condition and when Swift Creek Sports Club promotes their tournaments, they can advertise that the tournament will be played on seven (7) Bermuda grass fields that are in great shape. He commended Jim Perdue and his crew for their excellent work on the fields at the Clover Hill site; there is no irrigation on these fields and they are in great condition.

The Travel Field Hockey program team attended the *Festival Tournament* in California. Approximately 5,000 players participated in this Field Hockey tournament, which was held at one location that had 45 fields. The Lacrosse girls' team participated in the *International Cup*, which was held in Indianapolis.

Midlothian Youth Soccer League (MYSL) – Annette Schanz

Annette Schanz reported that Phase III of the soccer complex is underway. Three new fields will be added and should be available for play next September. There are 1,500 players and 127 teams with MYSL. MYSL games are played at Hensley and Woodlake. The goal of MYSL is to serve the youth of Chesterfield County. Ms. Schanz thanked Chesterfield County for all their support.

VI. New Business:

Reorganization of the Commission Officers

A quorum of Commissioners was not present; therefore, reorganization was deferred until the October 4, 2007, PRAC meeting. Jack Griffin explained that reorganization was necessary due to the death of PRAC Chairman Frank McDavid, on August 5. Jack Griffin clarified that he was the Vice Chair filling in as Chair. On October 4, the Commission can make the decision about how to proceed, until January 2008.

Public Facilities Plan: Stuart Connock, Jr.

The Public Hearing on the *Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* will take place at PRAC on October 4. Information from this Plan will be incorporated into the *Public Facilities Plan*.

Stuart Connock, Jr. distributed copies of *The Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan Update: 2008-Post 2022*.

The report was divided into *Short Term, Middle Term and Long Term Goals*, for years 2008-2012, 2012-2022 and Post 2022. Plans for Acquisition, Park Development and Major Facility Development were outlined for each term. Maps were provided that graphically displayed the recommended location of *Regional, Neighborhood, Community Parks and Special Purpose Parks* for each term. Stuart Connock's presentation gave the assembly an overview of a very in-depth Plan. The Plan is due to the Planning Department in mid-September and at this time, the Planning Department begins to formulate the Public Facilities Plan. **The updated *Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan* will be before PRAC on October 4 for their review and endorsement. A draft of the *Public Facilities Plan* will be before PRAC later in the year.**

VII. Parks and Recreation Director's Remarks:

Mike Golden reported that the *Parks and Recreation Fall Brochures* have been distributed. Distribution has been expanded to include e-mails addresses. The Brochure is also located on the Parks and Recreation website.

The fence is completed for the **Miracle League Field** located at Bird High School, and surfacing is in progress. A dedication ceremony is planned for October 6.

The irrigation system has been installed at the **Lowe's Complex**. As soon as the pumps are operational, seeding can begin. Jose Sanchez advised that CASA is inviting sponsors to contribute funds for t-shirts, etc., for the opening dedication ceremony planned for late October.

VIII. Accept Parks and Recreation Staff Reports:

Bob Terrell advised that the Athletic Activities Committee met and all PRAC members received the minutes.

Jack Griffin advised that the Capital Projects Committee met and discussed the CIP Budget and the Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan.

IX. Deferred Business: None

X. Recommendations for Agenda Items for October 4, 2007, meeting at the Community Development Building Rooms:

- **Public Hearing on the *Parks and Recreation Comprehensive Plan***
- **Commission Approval of Winter Athletic Facility Assignments**
- **Commission Approval of Sports Facilities Opening and Closing Dates 2008**
- **Meeting Dates for PRAC in 2008**
- **Reorganization of the Commission Officers**

XI. Adjournment: 8:45 p.m.

Minutes respectively submitted by Rebecca J. Parker, CPS/CAP

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 4, 2007, at the Community Development Building
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